Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0034] with the following amended paragraph:

[0034] Figure [4] 3 illustrates the preferred form of the invention with the identification tag indicating visually a unique identification number **46** that is electronically linked to a specific electronic data record and unique identification number of the RFID **24.** The RFID chip **24** is shown in Figure 4 as being optionally mounted in the external tag casing **40** or implanted under the livestock animals' skin. Either method will work with this invention, but the preferred method is that the RFID device **24** is implanted since this method is more tamper resistant and can stay with the animal for its entire production cycle with a low possibility of being removed from the animal by accident. The actual method utilized may be determined by the livestock owners' preference.

Please replace paragraph [0037] with the following amended paragraph:

[0037] With reference to Figure ~~2A to 2D~~ 6A to 6D the electronic satellite transmitter receiver / RFID reader animal tag **14** consists of a lightweight plastic outer shell **40**, removal electronic module **44**, and solar collector **50**. Figure ~~2A~~ 6A illustrates a new tag shell **40** and electronic module **44** prior to the electronic module **44** being inserted into the tag casing **40**. This figure also indicates the solar collector connector **54** and the satellite antenna connector **56** on the electronic module. Figure ~~2B~~ 6B shows a completed ear tag **14** with end sealed **48** and ready to be attached to a herd animal. Figure ~~2C~~ 6C shows the tag casing **40** with the end cut off for access to the electronic module **44**. Figure ~~2D~~ 6D shows the empty used electronic tag casing **40** and the electronic

module **44** removed and ready to be reused in a new tag casing not shown. All figures ~~2A to 2D~~ 6A to 6D illustrate the solar collector **50** and the embedded satellite antenna **52**.